

may be ill-considered and not appropriately geared to meet the situation that it addresses itself to due to the haste. So what I'm hoping that you will do is vote to recommit this bill to the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. That way there is still a bill before the Legislature without it having to be reintroduced. The Committee can conduct its hearings on a bill which is before it. I'm sure that all of the interests involved will come forth at that time. I'm asking you, since the bill cannot do anything this racing season anyway, to put it in the Committee. I think that will compel a hearing and a full-scale hearing. That is the motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Savage.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. Since this bill didn't pass with the emergency clause it is useless. The racing season will be over. This will be an invitation to all the hoodlums to come in, and the bookies. I don't care what they do with it. I just wanted to let you know that, as a former police reporter, I know what the bookies used to do in Omaha. You've invited them all to come in now with not passing this bill with the emergency clause.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I agree with Senator Savage, to a point, that the bill did need the emergency clause. But I think it makes a lot of difference whether the Legislature passed a bill with 31 votes, or whether the Legislature returned the bill to a committee. I think the intent of the Legislature can be rather clearly expressed by the passage of this bill, even without the emergency clause. I would hope that we would not recommit the bill to the committee, but rather that we would pass the bill and thereby express the intent of this Legislature in regard to this issue. Therefore, I would have to ask you to vote against Senator Chambers motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: I have a couple questions for Senator Chambers, if he'll yield. Senator Chambers, when does the racing season start? Do you know?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't have any idea.

SENATOR SIMON: I'll ask the same question of.... Does somebody else know? I know Senator Rasmussen or somebody told me it was some time in March. Is it in Grand Island? Fonner Park? The last days of February, which means if we referred this bill to committee and brought it back next year, the earliest it could be passed and enacted would be some time in I would guess about April. It wouldn't be January. The point I was trying to make is that there still would be.... I would disagree with Senator Savage then. There would be some time next year, John, it wouldn't effect Ak-Sar-Ben, but there would be some time next year. It's very doubtful that the bill would be passed before the racing season started, at least, in Grand Island. So whether or not the Legislature was going to say we do not want these type of operations to take place, it couldn't do any good this year. But we're talking about effecting the racing season, at least the first part, in Grand Island. I think the point that Senator Schmit has raised is a legitimate point. The first several weeks in Grand Island, the passage of this bill, or referring it back to committee would make a difference. I have mixed feelings about it, but I merely point